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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket 03-251

Dear Ms. Dortch,

BellSouth investigated the comments made on May 5, 2005 to the FCC by Mr. Louis Young concerning the inability to obtain a dry line to provide DSL service to his home through use of a particular competitive DSL provider. He also expressed concern with the cost of BellSouth's DSL service.

Our records indicated that the address in question is served by a fiber-fed remote site and not by Central Office copper facilities. A remote site is used to provide voice service to locations which are a great distance from the Central Office. So even if BellSouth were to provide a dry loop to the data provider, it would need to have a DSLAM collocated at the remote site to provide DSL service to Mr. Young, but the carrier did not have a DSLAM collocated at this remote site. Therefore, providing a dry loop would not result in Mr. Young being able to obtain DSL service through that carrier.

We are disappointed that Mr. Young was displeased with the cost of BellSouth FastAccess DSL. BellSouth believes that its pricing is competitive within the broadband market, and that the service offers considerable value for the price.

Sincerely,

